

Mr. Donald Davis  
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Dear Mr. Davis:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed construction of Segment G of State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway). The proposed action is the construction of a new location highway facility, approximately 13.7 miles long, and built to accommodate a 70 mph design. Segment G has a study area that is bounded by Interstate Highway (IH) 45 to the west, United States Highway (US) 59 to the east, Farm-to-Market (FM) 1960 to the south, and just beyond the proposed Grand Parkway segment to the north. Segment G is located within Harris and Montgomery Counties, Texas.

EPA rates the DEIS as "EC-2," i.e., EPA has "Environmental Concerns and Requests Additional Information in the Final EIS (FEIS)." Areas requiring additional information or clarification include: wetlands impacts, stream impacts, and air quality impacts.

Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. Detailed comments are enclosed with this letter, which more clearly identify our concerns and the informational needs requested for incorporation into the FEIS. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Jansky of my staff at (214) 665-7451 or by e-mail at [jansky.michael@epa.gov](mailto:jansky.michael@epa.gov) for assistance.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office five copies of the FEIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Federal Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

Sincerely yours,

Cathy Gilmore, Chief  
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